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Senator Richard Burr United States Senate 217 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Burr:

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The Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act especially appeals to me as a previous mayor of Landis. As a mayor, I understood the importance of making sure my constituents were safeguarded in negotiations with cable companies.

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 - Retain municipalities' governance over rights-of-way usage;
 - Ensure the continuation of must-carry provisions for local, educational and government channels to help our citizens;
 - Offer not only protection of existing franchise fees, but possibly expansion of revenue stream because new competitors would be subject to the statewide fee, while satellite companies currently are not.

I urge you to co-sponsor this important legislation, which does much to ensure competition throughout telecommunications - not just in video - and to spur jobs and economic growth. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours in public service,

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